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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant :Kenji KIMURA et al.

Group Art Unit: AU 1745

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Examiner: Mark Ruthkosky

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For :NONAQUEOUS ELECTROLYTE RECHARGEABLE BATTERY

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Commissioner For Patents
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Sir :

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed November 28, 2003, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections therein are respectfully requested, in view of the following remarks. Inasmuch as the three-month shortened statutory period is originally set in the Office Action to expire on March 1, 2004 (February 28, 2004 falling on a Saturday), and this Response is being filed within the three-month shortened statutory period, no extension of time is needed. However, if an extension of time is deemed necessary, the same is hereby requested and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the same or any fees necessary to preserve the pendency of this application to deposit account No. 19-0089.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.